Washington State Patrol
Fire Protection Bureau
Phone: (360) 596-3900

Business Name	Merrill Gardens at Auburn	***Provider Number***	2506
Address	18 1 ST SE,	***Approval Status***	Approved
City, State, Zip	Auburn, WA 98001	***Facility Type***	Residential Care

On 07/21/2026 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

All violations noted during previous related inspection(s) have been corrected.

Owner or Owner's Representative

Signature

7.21.26
Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Cozetta Christian
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Code Requirement	Statement of Violation

1 Admin Fire & Life Safety

	This report is the result of an unannounced fire and life safety re-certification survey conducted at Merrill Gardens at Auburn on 4/16/2026 by a DSFM representative of the Washington State Patrol, Fire Protection Bureau to determine compliance with all applicable codes. All inspection reports must be completely filled out from the vendor and verify the report shows no deficiencies. If deficiencies are noted on report, additional documentation will be required to show that deficiencies have been corrected prior to re-inspection. The facility is not in compliance at the time of this inspection.

2 Owner's Responsibility

The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. (IFC 701.6 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. The facility must maintain detailed documentation and maps of fire-rated construction locations, including annual inspection reports detailing testing dates, modifications, and repairs.

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3 Inspection and Maintenance	
Opening protective's in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protective's in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protective's and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified. (IFC 705.2 2021) 5.2.1 Inspection and Testing. Upon completion of the installation, door, shutters, and window assemblies shall be inspected and tested in accordance with 5.2.4. 5.2.4 Periodic Inspection and Testing. 5.2.4.1 Periodic inspections and testing shall be performed not less than annually. 5.2.2.4 A record of all inspections and testing shall be provided that includes, but is not limited to, the following information: 1. Date of inspection 2. Name of facility 3. Address of facility 4. Name of person(s) performing inspections and testing 5. Company name and address of inspecting company 6. Signature of inspector of record 7. Individual record of each inspected and tested fire door assembly 8. Opening identifier and location of each inspected and tested fire door assembly 9. Type and description of each inspected and tested fire door assembly To aid the AHJ during the review of the inspections and testing reports, the records should include a description of the type of fire door assembly as follows: Type 6: Swinging door with builders hardware Type 7: Swinging fire door with fire door hardware Type 8: Horizontally sliding fire door Type 9: Special purpose horizontally accordion or folding	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. The facility must maintain detailed documentation of fire door locations, including annual inspection reports detailing testing dates, modifications, and repairs.

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door
Type 10: Vertically sliding fire door
Type 11: Rolling steel door
Type 12: Fire shutter
Type 13: Service counter fire door
Type 14: Hoistway doors for elevators and dumbwaiter
Type 15: Chute door
Type 16: Access door
Type 17: Fire window

10. Verification of visual inspection and functional operation
11. Listing of deficiencies in accordance with 5.2.3, Section 5.3, and Section 5.4

As a minimum, the following items shall be verified:
1. Labels are clearly visible and legible.
2. No open holes or breaks exist in surfaces of either the door or frame.
3. Glazing, vision light frames, and glazing beads are intact and securely fastened in place, if so equipped.
4. The door, frame, hinges, hardware, and noncombustible threshold are secured, aligned and in working order with no visible signs of damage.
5. No parts are missing or broken.
6. Door clearances do not exceed clearances listed in 4.8.4 and 6.3.1.7
7. The self-closing device is operational; that is, the active door completely closes when operated from the full open position.
8. If a coordinator is installed, the inactive leaf closes before the active leaf.
9. Latching hardware operates and secures the door when it is in the closed position.
10. Auxiliary hardware items that interfere or prohibit operation are not installed on the door or frame.
11. No field modifications to the door assembly have been performed that void the label.
12. Meeting edge protection, gasketing and edge seals where required, are inspected to verify their presence and integrity.
13. Signage affixed to a door meets the requirements listed in 4.1.4

(NFPA 80.5.2)

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4 Testing and Maintenance	
Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with Section 901. (IFC 903.5 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At time of inspection the following was observed: 1. On the first floor memory care closet has a painted sprinkler head.
5 Extinguishing System Service	
Automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be serviced not less frequently than every six months and after activation of the system. Inspection shall be by qualified individuals, and a certificate of inspection shall be forwarded to the fire code official upon completion. (IFC 904.13.5.2 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. First semi-annual servicing report, Completed on 7/29/2025 2. Second semi-annual service report The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At time of inspection the following was observed: 1. The hood's removable filters have gaps in between allowing grease vapors to move up into the system.

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6 Emergnecy Lighting Equipment Inspection and Testing

Emergency lighting shall be maintained in accordance with Section 1008 and shall be inspected and tested in accordance with Sections 1031.10.1 and 1031.10.2. (IFC 1032.10 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At time of inspection the following was observed: 1. On the 4th floor, in the A stairwell has a emergency light not illuminating.

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7 Fire Drills	
In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year. Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift in Group I and Group R2, Occupancies and monthly in Group E Occupancies to familiarize personnel with signals and emergency action required under varied conditions. A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection at all times. When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. Fire drills shall include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency conditions. The fire alarm monitoring company shall be notified prior to the activation of the fire alarm system for drill purposes and again at the conclusion of the transmission and restoration of the fire alarm system to normal mode. (WAC 212-12-044) Drills shall be held at unexpected times and under varying conditions to simulate the unusual conditions that occur in case of fire. Exceptions: 1. In severe climates, the fire code official shall have the authority to modify the emergency evacuation drill termination points and frequency. 2. In Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and R-4, where staff-only emergency evacuation drills are conducted after visiting hours or where care recipients are expected to be asleep, a coded announcement shall be an acceptable alternative to audible alarms. (IFC 405.5 2021) Records shall be maintained of required emergency evacuation drills and include the following information: 1. Identity of the person conducting the drill. 2. Date and time of the drill. 3. Notification method used. 4. Employees on duty and participating. 5. Number of occupants evacuated.	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. Facility cannot provide documentation for the completion of twelve planned and unannounced fire drills in the previous 12 months. The following drills are missing. 1st Shift - Quarter 4 2nd Shift - Quarter 3

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6. Special conditions simulated. 7. Problems encountered. 8. Weather conditions when occupants were evacuated. 9. Time required to accomplish complete evacuation. (IFC 0405.6 2021) Where a fire alarm system is provided, emergency evacuation drills shall be initiated by activating the fire alarm system. (IFC 405.8 2021)	

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 05/18/2026

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Owner or Authorized Representative

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Signature *Print Name and Title*

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